

service to the Catholic community of Northeastern Pennsylvania. May he continue to find happiness and peace in his vocation.

## FEBRUARY VETERAN OF THE MONTH

### HON. KEVIN HERN

OF OKLAHOMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Mr. KEVIN HERN of Oklahoma. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the First District of Oklahoma's February Veteran of the Month, Megan Lowry.

A Military Police Officer in the United States Marine Corps, Ms. Lowry honorably served our nation for three years. Following her military career, Megan served in the Secret Service during President George W. Bush's last term in office helping to protect the First Family from various threats. Due to her outstanding work with the Secret Service, Ms. Lowry was awarded the Presidential Service Badge for honorable service to the President of the United States and the White House. Upon returning home from service, Megan Lowry has dedicated her life to serving other veterans.

Megan serves her fellow veterans who may be suffering from the invisible wounds that remain from their time in combat. Lowry is a service dog trainer for Wounded Veterans of Oklahoma and also works with the Pups4Patriots program which works to provide service animals to veterans free of charge.

Ms. Lowry is a recent alumna of the University of Tulsa where she was an active member of their Student Veterans Association, which seeks to help transition returning servicemembers into collegiate life. Megan is also an active member of the Delaware Tribe, helping to preserve her native heritage for future generations.

Megan Lowry lives a life of unmatched dedication, sacrifice, and service to our great nation. She answered the call to defend freedom, and she sacrificed whatever was necessary in the name of that noble cause. She continues to serve our country, community, and her fellow veterans at a high level on a daily basis. It is my honor to recognize Megan Lowry as the 1st Congressional District of Oklahoma's February Veteran of the Month.

## RECOGNIZING JASON SAMSAL OF SUNBURST

### HON. GREG GIANFORTE

OF MONTANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Mr. GIANFORTE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Jason Samsal of Sunburst for his innovation as a conservationist on his Montana family farm.

Jason's land, just north of Shelby, has been in his family for generations. When Jason was 11 years old, his grandpa began teaching him the ways of the farmer and rancher. Jason has worked alongside his father for more than three decades. For him, it's the independence and lifestyle that he loves so much.

Jason has been an example for many Montana farmers and ranchers. Participating in

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) conservation programs, he goes above and beyond to ensure high-quality care for his crops and land. Jason is committed to using a diverse and intense cropping rotation that enhances the soil and protects it from erosion.

His methods are working. Jason is known for his produce, including one-year turnips that have reached the size of dinner plates. As a result of his work, he was recognized as the Toole County Conservationist of the Year in 2019.

Along with crop rotation, Jason makes constructing habitat a top priority on his farm. After noticing bees were struggling to pollinate his large farm in 2010, he found a solution. For every quarter mile, Jason created habitat with plants and flowers that pollinate year-round, giving the bees an area to rest. Because of measures like these, his bees and crops are thriving.

Jason is also committed to responsible wildlife practices. His farm is open for hunters as part of the state's block management program. He's constructed three wildlife corridors for animals to roam freely. He's also rebuilt all his fences with gates so antelope and deer can travel safely throughout his property. Madam Speaker, for his innovative approach to sustainable farming and his commitment to conserving Montana's land and creating healthy, practical wildlife habitat, I recognize Jason Samsal for his Spirit of Montana.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

### HON. JOHN W. ROSE

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 4, 2020*

Mr. JOHN W. ROSE of Tennessee. Madam Speaker, on the night of March 2nd into the early morning of March 3rd, several tornadoes struck Middle Tennessee, inflicting severe damage and taking numerous lives. Most of the devastation occurred in my congressional district, the Sixth District of Tennessee, including my hometown, Cookeville, TN.

After careful consideration, my family and I returned home to Cookeville, TN, on March 3rd so that we could meet with local officials and first responders to assess the damage for ourselves and lend a helping hand to our friends and neighbors wherever it might be needed. Because of our decision to return home, I was absent for votes today.

I missed Roll Call vote number 83. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I missed Roll Call vote number 84. Had I been present, I would have voted "no."

I missed Roll Call vote number 85. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

I missed Roll Call vote number 86. Had I been present, I would have voted "yes."

## SENATE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Title IV of Senate Resolution 4, agreed to by the Senate of February 4, 1977, calls for establishment of a system for a computerized schedule of all meetings and hearings of Senate committees, subcommittees, joint committees, and committees of conference. This title requires all such committees

to notify the Office of the Senate Daily Digest—designated by the Rules Committee—of the time, place and purpose of the meetings, when scheduled and any cancellations or changes in the meetings as they occur.

As an additional procedure along with the computerization of this information, the Office of the Senate Daily Digest will prepare this information for printing in the Extensions of Remarks section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on Monday and Wednesday of each week.

Meetings scheduled for Thursday, March 5, 2020 may be found in the Daily Digest of today's RECORD.

## MEETINGS SCHEDULED

### MARCH 10

9:30 a.m.

Committee on Armed Services

To hold hearings to examine the nominations of Matthew P. Donovan, of Virginia, to be Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, and William Jordan Gillis, of Georgia, and Victor G. Mercado, of California, both to be an Assistant Secretary, all of the Department of Defense.

SD-G50

10 a.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government

To hold hearings to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2021 for the Federal Communications Commission.

SD-562

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

To hold hearings to examine the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's semi-annual report to Congress

SD-538

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

To hold hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 2021 for the Department of the Interior.

SD-366

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights

To hold hearings to examine competition in digital technology markets, focusing on self-preferencing by digital platforms.

SD-226

11 a.m.

Committee on Rules and Administration

To hold hearings to examine the nomination of James E. Trainor III, of Texas, to be a Member of the Federal Election Commission.

SR-301

2:15 p.m.

Committee on Appropriations

Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs

To hold hearings to examine fragility in the Sahel.

SD-138

2:30 p.m.

Committee on the Judiciary

Subcommittee on Intellectual Property

To hold hearings to examine copyright law in foreign jurisdictions, focusing on how other countries are handling digital piracy.

SD-226